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- 1. BARBADOS' CENTRAL BANK ORDINARILY APPROVES CONVERSION OF BARBADIAN DOLLARS INTO US DOLLARS WITHOUT DELAY AND TRANSACTIONS CAN USUALLY BE EFFECTED IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. THIS IS TRUE WHETHER PROFITS, ROYALTIES, OR DIVIDENDS ARE BEING REPATRIATED, AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE TYPE OF ACTIVITY IN WHICH THE US INVESTOR IS OR HAS BEEN ENGAGED. IN THE CASE OF AN INVESTOR WHO IS TERMINATING LOCAL OPERATIONS, THE GOB WITHHOLDS 12 PERCENT OF INTEREST ACCRUED ON ANY LOCAL CURRENCY ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED BY CONVERTING US DOLLARS INTO BARBADIAN DOLLARS BUT PERMITS THE REPATRIATION OF THE BALANCE OF THE INTEREST AND ALL THE PRINCIPAL.
- 2. COPIES OF CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS ACT, 1972-6 AND OF CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR ON CONVERSION PROCEDURES ARE BEING POUCHED.
- 3. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE WHAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IS ON THE OTHER ISLAND GROUPS SERVED BY THIS EMBASSY AND WILL SUBMIT A FURTHER REPORT WHEN THIS INFORMATION IS IN HAND. BRITTON

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